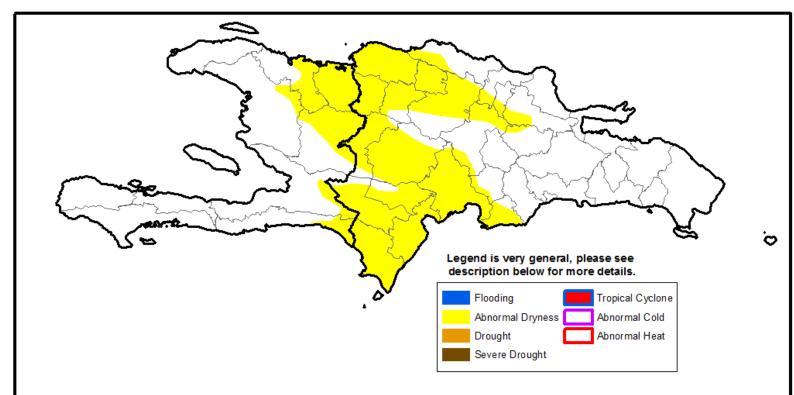


## Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook May 14 – May 20, 2015

• Suppressed early season rains worsen dryness throughout central Hispaniola.



During the last seven days, a continued reduction in early season rainfall was observed throughout Hispaniola. The highest weekly accumulations (20-30mm) fell over central Haiti, with lesser amounts (<10mm) received over the Dominican Republic. Since the beginning of April, several consecutive weeks of below-average rainfall have greatly strengthened rainfall deficits across the several local areas in eastern Haiti, and western Dominican Republic. The poorly distributed rainfall has already negatively impacted ground conditions according to recent vegetation indices, and are likely to lead to failed crops that had been planted during March and April. This early season dryness has also led to increased concerns of domestic water availability. For the upcoming outlook period, another week of suppressed seasonal rainfall is expected to further strengthen moisture deficits throughout Hispaniola.